

Board of County Commissioners

Sumter County, Florida

7375 Powell Road • Wildwood, FL 34785 • Phone (352) 689-4400 • FAX: (352) 689-4401
Website: <http://sumtercountyfl.gov>



September 13, 2011

Mr. Bill Spaude
Mayor
City of Bushnell
117 E. Joe P. Strickland, Jr. Ave
Bushnell, FL 33513

RE: Road Impact Fees and Fire Assessment Fees

Dear Mayor Spaude,

The Sumter County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) received your letter dated August 16, 2011 and recognizes the efforts of the City of Bushnell to promote development within its municipal boundaries by waving payment of capacity reservation charges for up to the first five equivalent residential units for any new construction started through December 31, 2012.

The BOCC likewise is providing for the promotion of development, for those cities that have consolidated building inspections and that adopted the BOCC fee structure, by lowering the residential permit costs by 25% effective October 1, 2011. Further, the BOCC directed the County Administrator to eliminate the planning hurdles for development associated with Road, Parks & Recreation, and School concurrency, thus providing a savings both in time and money for developers.

The BOCC cannot support a moratorium for the collection of Fire Assessment Fees since that is part of the operational funding for both the Sumter Fire District and the Villages Fire District and would therefore impact the standards of response for both.

Richard "Dick" Hoffman, Dist 1
(352) 689-4400
7375 Powell Road
Wildwood, FL 34785

Doug Gilpin, Dist 2
2nd Vice Chairman
(352) 689-4400
7375 Powell Road
Wildwood, FL 34785

Don Burgess, Dist 3
Chairman
(352) 689-4400
7375 Powell Road
Wildwood, FL 34785

Garry Breedon, Dist 4
Vice Chairman
(352) 689-4400
7375 Powell Road
Wildwood, FL 34785

Randy Mask, Dist 5
Office: (352) 689-4400
Home: (352) 793-3930
7375 Powell Road
Wildwood, FL 34785

Bradley S. Arnold,
County Administrator
(352) 689-4400
7375 Powell Road
Wildwood, FL 34785

Gloria R. Hayward, Clerk & Auditor
(352) 793-0215
209 North Florida Street
Bushnell, FL 33513

County Attorney
The Hogan Law Firm
Post Office Box 485
Brooksville, Florida 34605

The BOCC cannot support a reduction in the Road Impact Fees. Please note that the change to a consumption based approach did in fact lower the Road Impact Fees for many categories of commercial and industrial businesses as well as the fact that it was implemented at 50% of the recommended rate by the consulting firm. Finally, the Road Impact Fees are tied with significant road projects in direct support of the planned and currently developing commercial development in Sumter County. Those road projects are as follows: the widening of US 301 which is currently under construction, the future widening of C-468 from the Turnpike to SR 44 that is directly tied with the additional interchange at the Turnpike and C-468, the widening of C-466A from Powell Road to US 301, and finally the widening of C-466 from US 301 to CR 209.

The BOCC encourages your reassessment of your past position of not consolidating building inspections and gain the benefit of the lower residential permit fees coming October 1, 2011.

Sincerely,

Don Burgess
Chairman

C: Honorable Board of County Commissioners
Mr. Bradley Arnold, County Administrator